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Leak Rules Criticized

Two House subcommittee chairmen asked President Reagan yesterday not to implement new regulations aimed at stemming the leaking of sensitive information by federal employees as long as Congress hasn't finished reviewing the rules.

"While everyone agrees that the unauthorized disclosure of highly sensitive, classified information may be harmful to our national security, the directive covers a much broader scope of information," Reps. Don Edwards (D-Calif.) and Patricia Schroeder (D-Colo.) wrote.

They also said the administration has not shown a clear link between the leakage and its proposals to expand the use of lie detectors and non-disclosure agreements.

They noted that their panels plan a closed session so the administration can justify the new rules, and that Senate committees, the General Accounting Office and the Office of Technology Assessment are still studying them.

-Pete Earley